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JOINT INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEE ON VO-TECHS AND JOB TRAINING

SECOND
MEETING
NOV. 25

The Joint Interim Subcommittee on Vo-Techs/Job Training will hold its second meeting of the interim on Monday, November 25, at 9 a.m. in Room 104 of the Capitol. At the first meeting, held on October 4, Senator George McCallum was elected Chairman and Representative Dan Harrington was elected Vice-Chairman.

STUDY
DETAILS
OUTLINED

The Subcommittee adopted the study plan for HJR 52, Vo-Tech Governance and Funding, and also decided to concentrate study efforts for HJR 54 on the effectiveness of existing job training and placement programs. At the meeting, the Legislative Auditor promised to share with the Subcommittee the results of a forthcoming performance audit survey of job training recipients.

At the November 25 meeting the Subcommittee will review a staff background report on the governance and funding for vo-techs and will review a recent performance audit by the Office of the Legislative Auditor on vocational education programs and activities provided by the vo-techs and the Office of Public Instruction's Department of Vocational Education Services.

The Subcommittee will also review a revised study plan for HJR 54 and will receive a background report on job training and placement programs.

JOINT INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEE ON LIEN LAWS

SECOND
MEETING
NOV. 8, 9

The Subcommittee will convene at 10 a.m. Friday, November 8, in Room 108 of the Capitol to hear presentations on livestock liens, wage earners'

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liens, mechanics' (construction) liens, and petroleum dealers' liens during its second meeting.

The meeting will continue at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, November 9, with a follow-up by Professor David Fried of the University of Montana Law School on the discussion of exemptions and execution that he gave at the first meeting. The Subcommittee will also receive staff reports.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

OIL PATCH TOUR

The Environmental Quality Council took an initial look at the oil and gas industry with a two-day tour of operations in the Sidney and Glendive areas in mid-October. Members viewed natural gas processing operations, saltwater disposal facilities, support industries, and a producing field at the Cedar Creek anticline. Participation from state and local officials, industry, and area residents helped provide a range of perspectives on the industry. The Council also met with representatives of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation in Billings.

MINING VISIT NEXT

EQC's Land Resources Subcommittee will tour the Golden Sunlight Mine near Whitehall, the East Berkeley Pit in Butte, and Pfizer Chemical's talc operation near Dillon on November 25 and 26. The Subcommittee has scheduled late afternoon of November 25 in Butte to hear public comments on the status of Montana's mining industry and related concerns. Contact EQC for more details on times and locations.

LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOV. 22 MEETING SET

The Legislative Finance Committee will meet on Friday, November 22, in Room 108. A tentative agenda will be mailed to all legislators in mid-November.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

NOV. 22 MEETING

The Administrative Code Committee has scheduled its next meeting for November 22. Any comments or problems concerning administrative rules may be brought to the Committee's attention before that meeting.

REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

NOV. 15
MEETING

The legislative Revenue Oversight Committee will hold its fourth meeting of the interim on Friday, November 15, beginning at 10 a.m. in the old Supreme Court Chamber in the Capitol.

AGENDA

Items on the tentative agenda include a preliminary discussion of the Daly Mansion as a candidate for "payment-in-kind" property in lieu of inheritance tax; a review of other states' procedures for property tax protests; a brief report on the SJR 14 study regarding the semiannual payment of property taxes in Montana; a briefing from the Department of Revenue, the Governor's Budget Office, and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's office on the implications of federal tax reform proposals; and a briefing on the October Coal Tax Oversight Committee meeting.

COAL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

THIRD
MEETING
JAN. 18

The third meeting of the Subcommittee for this biennium is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 17 and 18, when it will hear reports on the use of Coal Severance Tax funds from the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Regents and on the investment of the trust funds from the Board of Investments and the Economic Development Board.

Also on the agenda are follow-ups to reports previously heard on the reversion of County Land Planning allocations and on the activities of the Science and Technology Alliance.

ACTION
TAKEN
OCT. 10, 11

During the Subcommittee's second meeting on October 10 and 11, \$2,000 was allocated from the budget, to be augmented by funds solicited from private groups, to retain consultants as independent sources of information and research relating to the effect of the severance tax on Montana coal production and the impact of HB 607.

The Subcommittee requested drafting of legislation to implement the Tenneco Plant Impact Assistance Interstate Compact, which was approved by the 1985 North Dakota Legislature.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIRED
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

MEETING
NOV. 13

The Select Committee on Health Insurance for Retired Public Employees will meet Wednesday, November 13. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Capitol.

The purpose of this meeting is to begin work on a survey to determine the health insurance needs of retired public employees. During this work session, the Committee's consultant, Dan Imming of the Martin E. Segal Company, will assist the Committee.

Although the Committee will not be soliciting testimony during this work session, the meeting will be open to the public, and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

MONTANA-WESTERN CANADIAN PROVINCES BOUNDARY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOV. 7
DATE SET

The second meeting is set for 9 a.m. Thursday, November 7, in Room 104 of the Capitol. Topics will be grasshopper infestations and means of control, movement of slaughter cattle across the border, control of skunk populations and rabies, and prioritization of issues.

WATER POLICY COMMITTEE

NOV. 14, 15
MEETING SET

A two-day Water Policy Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 14 and 15. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. Based on the discussion at the last meeting, four topics have been selected for consideration: drought management, water use efficiency, ground water management, and water data management. In addition, the Thursday morning session will include reports on current litigation and Missouri River Basin coordination efforts.

Two out-of-state presenters will be at the meeting. Tony Willardson, associate director of the Western States Water Council, will discuss policies used by other states in the areas of water use efficiency and drought management. Bruce Driver, a scholar-in-residence with the Western Governors' Association, will discuss the

results of a workshop the association is conducting on water use efficiency and the relevance of energy pricing theory to water allocation.

The agenda also includes several Montana presenters in each of the four water policy areas. These presenters represent various interests and areas of expertise in regard to their respective areas. Included are representatives of state organizations, state and federal water management agencies, and the university system.

Please contact the EQC office with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this upcoming meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PRINTING
STUDY
NOV. 8

The Legislative Council will meet November 8 to hear presentations on Legislative Printing and electronic legislative information.

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LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 INFRASTRUCTURE COMM.-rm.104 10am	2
3	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7 MONT.-WESTERN CANADA BOUND- ARY COMM. rm.104	8 LIEN LAWS COMM.-rm.317 10am LEG. COUNCIL "PRINTING" rm.104-9am	9 LIEN LAWS COMM.-rm.104 8am
10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13 RETIREE HEALTH INS. COMM. rm.104- 1:30pm	14 EQC-WATER POLICY- 108-8:30am	15 EQC-WATER POLICY-rm108 ROC - Old Supreme Court Chamber-10am	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 ACC-rm.104 LFA-FINANCE COMM.-rm.108	23
24	25 VO-TECH/JOB TRAINING rm.104-9am	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30

*ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR
DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMM. rm. 104	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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